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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REGULATIONS ON WHISKEY IMPORTS

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1. ARGENTINE REGULATIONS ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF ALL KINDS OF WHISKEY AND SINGLE MALT, PROVIDING DUTIES ARE PAID. DISTILLERY PROOF US BOURBON WHISKEY MAY ALSO BE IMPORTED UPON PAYMENT OF DUTY. NO DISTINCTION IS MADE BY CUSTOMS BETWEEN THE IMPORTATION OF WHISKEY IN BULK TO BE REDUCED TO A POTABLE PROOF BY MIXING WITH DISTILLATE WATER AND THE IMPORTATION OF DILUTED FORMS OF THESE SPIRITS. ALL ARE LEVIED A 95 PERCENT IMPORT DUTY.

2. HOWEVER, SINGLE MALT, AND CONCENTRATED FORMS OF OTHER WHISKEYS INCLUDING BOURBON, CAN BE IMPORTED AT A 10 PERCENT DUTY RATE WHEN THEY ARE TO BE MIXED WITH A LEAST 50 PERCENT LOCALLY PRODUCED ALCOHOL.

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT DOES NOT SEEM CORRECT TO ARGUE
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THAT BOURBON QUOTE IS NOT ALLOWED IN BECAUSE IT IS NOT BLENDED WITH ARGENTINE ALCOHOL UNQUOTE. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE IT CAN EFFECTIVELY BE ARGUED THAT ARGENTINE REGULATIONS SERVE AS A NON-TARIFF BARRIER TO US EXPORTS IN THIS CASE.

4. IN GENRAL, ALL IMPORTS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

PAY HIGH IMPORT DUTIES. WINE, BEER, VERMOUTH AND CIDER PAY A 95 PERCENT IMPORT DUTY, AS WELL. THE HIGH DUTIES SERVE TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY AND TO DISCOURAGE THE IMPORTATION OF WHAT ARE CONSIDERED "LUXURY" ITEMS.

5. POST IS AIR POUCHING COPIES OF RELEVANT ARGENTINE DECREES (DECREE 2202/66; AND DECREE 7547/69) AND THE TARIFF SCHEDULE FOR BEVERAGES.

6. FOR REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO PARA .2 SEE DECREE 7547 PUBLISHED IN "ANALES DE LA LEGISLACION ARGENTINA", VOLUME XXIX-C, PAGE 2964. THIS PUBLICATION IS RECEIVED BY THE STATE LIBRARY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THROUGH THE CERP PUBLICATION PROGRAM (PUBLICATION NO. 003).
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